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### Wildfire Use Fire on the Monticello Ranger District

San Juan County, Utah ... Several recent lightning storms have once again ignited fires on the Manti-La Sal National Forest Monticello Ranger District in Southeast Utah. Previously district managers had decided to use wildfire for resource benefit, whenever possible, as Wildland Fire Use (WFU) fires.

As of Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> the Rose, Wild Goose, and Jones WFU fires had burned into each other to become one wildfire. It is approximately 45 acres in size. The new conglomerate wildfire is now being called the Rose WFU. A stage 2 Fire Use Manager (FUM2) is managing the Rose WFU and a second wildfire called the Enclosure WFU.

The incidents are being managed for ecosystem benefits in areas where fire suppression has disrupted the historical fire regime. Allowing fire back into the ecosystem creates mosaic vegetative patterns that enhance plant and wildlife diversity such as: germination of seeds, reduction of dead and diseased trees, increase of grass and forbs, and improving general forest health

According to Brenda Dale, Monticello District Fuels Specialist, "the fire behavior is low intensity and the results are what we would want for resource benefit. Fire behavior is expected to pick up during the current drying trend then decrease with lower temperatures and higher humidity levels."

For additional Utah wildfire information go to [www.utahfireinfo.gov](http://www.utahfireinfo.gov).

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